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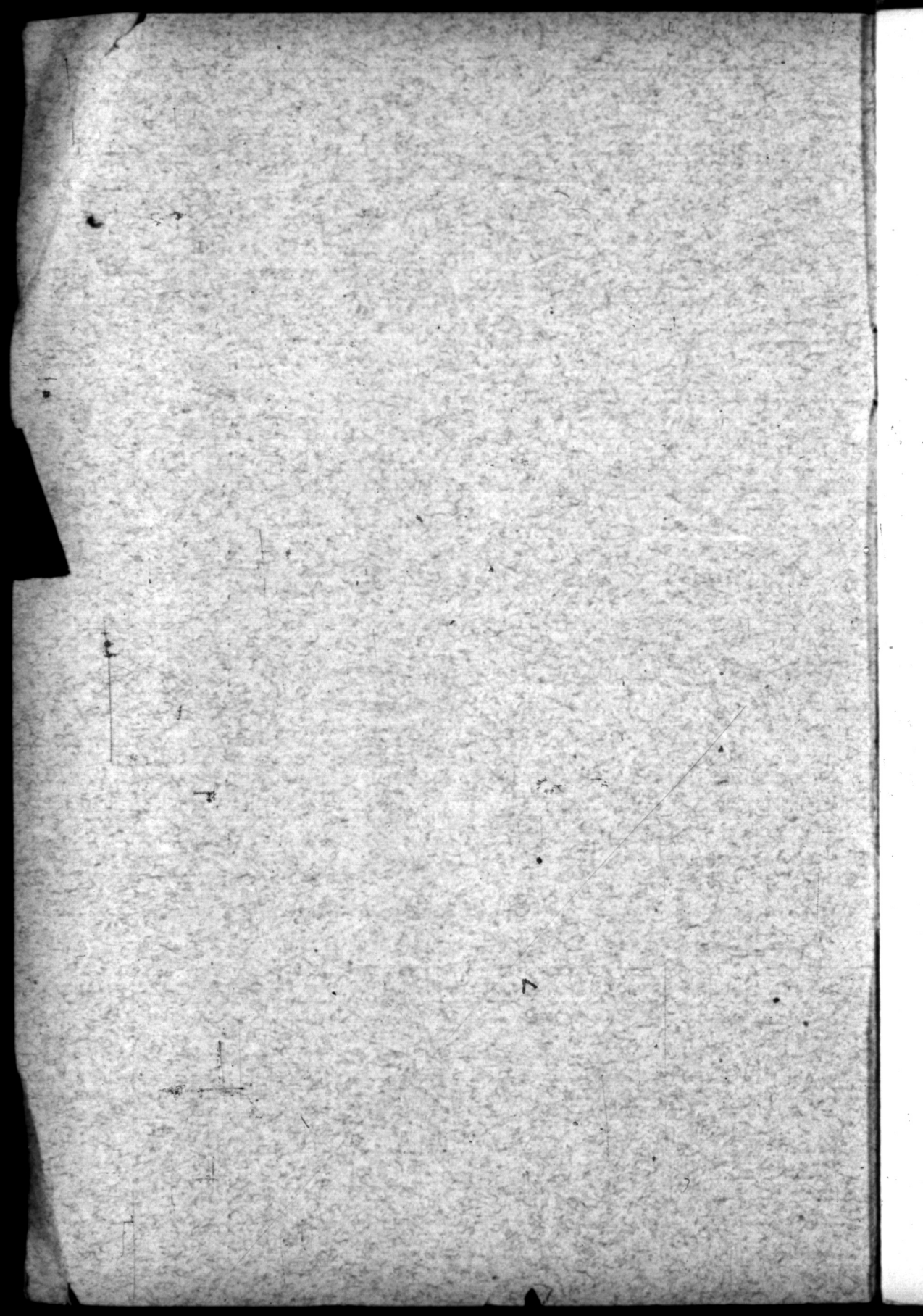


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Minutes of the Organization of the Kemper County Baptist Association

On October 23, 1920, DeKalb, Miss., at 11 o'clock A. M., messengers from the following churches met to organize a Kemper County Baptist Association: Antioch, Black Water, Bay Springs, Center Ridge, DeKalb, Electric Mills, Friendship, New Zion, Philadelphia, Scooba, Stonewall.

Rev. H. C. Joyner called the meeting to order. After prayer led by Rev. J. L. Williams, Bro. Joyner stated the object of the meeting: The following were appointed officers temporarily: H. C. Joyner, Moderator; A. C. Furr, Clerk.

The roll of churches was called, after which a motion was made to go into the organization of the Kemper County Baptist Association. It was voted on with no dissenting vote.

The Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum were read and adopted by articles.

Adjourned for dinner. A. C. Furr led the closing prayer.

AFTERNOON.

The Association reconvened at 1:15 A. M. Rev. Salter led the opening prayer.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Rev. H. C. Joyner was placed in nomination as Moderator, and was unanimously elected. Rev. A. C. Furr was nominated and unanimously elected as Clerk and Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

Executive Committee—Prof. H. L. Simmons, S. W. Key, W. W. Mosley, L. J. Wimberly.

Committee on Program—A. C. Furr, H. L. Simmons, J. N. Moore.

Chairmen of Committees:

Publication, Prof. H. L. Simmons; Christian Education, Hon. L. P. Spinks; S. S. and B. Y. P. U., Prof. M. E. Smith; Laymen's Work, J. M. McWilliams; Women's Work, Mrs. Tillie Clark; Foreign Missions, W. F. Brown; Home Missions; J. M. McWilliams; State Missions, Prof. H. L. Simmons; Ministerial Relief, Rev. John Moore; Orphanage, Hon. Dan P. Davis; Hospitals, W. W. Key; 75 Million Campaign, Axon Sanders; Temperance, W. R. McWilliams.

Prof. H. L. Simmons was elected as a member of the State Mission Board.

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The following were named to be our general representatives: Prof. H. L. Simmons, State Missions; Hon. W. F. Brown, Foreign Missions; J. M. McWilliams, Home Missions.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

Antioch—J. N. Moore
Black Water—J. McWilliams
Bay Springs—O. B. McDade
Center Ridge—W. W. Key
DeKalb—W. F. Brown
Electric Mills—By Letter
Friendship—I. A. Sanders
New Zion—T. J. Wimberly
Philadelphia—By Letter
Scooba—Prof. M. E. Smith
Stonewall—By Letter

Rev. H. C. Joyner was asked to act as delegate to the S. B. C.

Rev. A. C. Furr was asked to act as Delegate to the State Convention, Columbus.

Dr. McCoy was asked to act as Delegate to the Lauderdale County Association.

L. J. Wimberly was asked to act as Delegate to the Choctaw County Association.

Next place of meeting, Antioch. Time, Friday before fourth Sunday in October, 1921.

Motion to adjourn. After singing "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds", Rev. Williams led the closing prayer.

H. C. JOYNER, Moderator.

A. C. FURR, Clerk.

Minutes of the Organization and First Session of the Kemper County Baptist Association.

The Kemper County Baptist Association held its first session with the Antioch Church, Friday, Oct. 21, 1921, at 10:30 P. M., and was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. H. C. Joyner.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. L. Williams.

The roll of churches was called and letters from various churches presented and the messengers enrolled, as follows:

Antioch—H. H. Stewart, J. D. Pool, J. N. Moore, E. M. Kilpatrick, C. L. Beazley.

Black Water—Dr. J. V. McCoy, J. M. McWilliams, E. H. Mosley,

C. E. McWilliams, Miss Viola Mosley.

Bay Springs—H. A. Puchett, A. E. Cherry, J. T. Edwards.

Center Ridge—S. W. Key, S. McWilliams, W. R. McWilliams.

DeKalb—D. P. Davis, L. P. Spinks, W. F. Brown.

Electric Mills—Not represented.

Friendship—W. N. Evans, I. A. Sanders, W. W. Moore, J. E. Moore, Mrs. Cherry.

New Zion—H. R. Robinson, John Nester, Willie Nester.

Philadelphia—Miss Susie Hopper, Mrs. Mary Moore.

Scooba—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gilbert, S. C. Trammell, H. L. Simmons, I. H. Lanier, Mrs. R. L. Stewart.

Stonewall—Will Chancy, John Jordan, Leon Hedgepeth.

The next order of business was the election of officers. Bro. H. C. Joyner nominated. The rules were suspended and Bro. H. L. Simmons cast the vote of the body for Bro. Joyner as Moderator.

Bro. A. C. Furr was nominated as Clerk and Treasurer, and Bro. Joyner was asked to cast the vote of the body for Bro. Furr as Clerk and Treasurer.

The Rules of Decorum were read by Bro. J. L. Williams.

The following brethren were granted a seat with us: Bro. J. W. Knight and Bro. H. A. Gay, from Choctaw Association.

Rev. J. L. Williams and Rev. Eugene Stevens, from Lauderdale County Association.

Rev. H. T. McLaurin, from Newton County Association and Fourth District.

Prof. D. M. Nelson, from Hinds County Association, and Secretary Education Commission.

Rev. D. B. Saulter, Central Association, Lamar, Ala.

The Association sermon was preached by Bro. H. T. McLaurin. The reading lesson, Lk. 16. Subject, "The Great Baptist Program".

The Association adjourned for dinner. Bro. Saulter led the closing prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association reconvened at 2 P. M. Bro. Eugene Stevens conducted the devotional exercises, after which a motion was made to defer the regular order of business and give the time to Bro. D. M. Nelson, who spoke on the subject of "Christian Education." This was enjoyed by all.

The next order of business was the reading of the report on the Orphans' Home. Bro. S. C. Trammell read this report and discussed same. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We rejoice in the good report of our Orphanage, located at Jackson, Miss. It is now in its twenty-sixth year and has cared for during this time more than one thousand children, many of whom have grown into manhood and womanhood and are now filling places of usefulness in homes of their own, many of them in offices, hospitals, machine shops, on the farm, and in almost all avocations of life.

We learn from our Superintendent that the health of the children is fine. It is our understanding that they have not had a death from sickness in four years, and are caring for an average of more than 150 children all the while. These children are gathered up here and there from the most hopeless and unpromising surroundings and cared for and trained spiritually, mentally and physically, into useful men and women.

The boys are trained in agriculture, stock raising, dairying, truck-growing, carpentry, and machinery. The girls are trained in the art of cooking, sewing, washing, ironing, fancy work, and general housekeeping.

All of the children in the Orphanage have the advantage of a good school for eight months in the year, under efficient teachers, and attend Sabbath School and preaching every Sunday; and those who are Christians are trained in Christian work in their own senior and junior B. Y. P. U.'s, and altogether our children at the Orphanage are being splendidly fitted for useful Christian lives.

We commend our Orphanage and its splendid work to the hearts and benevolence of all our people and urge that during the month of November our people send to the Orphanage from our farms and stores: Corn, peas, molasses, canned goods of all kinds, clothing, stationery, pencils, tablets, pins, needles, combs, soap, towels, sheets, and in fact everything that is needed in the average home.

We also learn from our Superintendent that our Orphanage is in good financial condition, and our children will continue to be well and amply provided for, if our people will pay up their pledges to the 75 Million Drive, but will suffer in the proportion as we fail.

We urge most strongly that our people make it a point to pay their pledge to the campaign, and let the Orphanage and all the work of the Kingdom go forward to the good of humanity and the glory of our Master.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. TRAMMELL,

D. P. DAVIS,

S. McWILLIAMS,

Committee.

The report on Hospitals was read and discussed by Bro. J. L. Williams. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL, JACKSON, MISS.

The past year, ending August 1, 1921, has been a very good year for the Baptist Hospital.

We treated during the year, 1,107 patients; 161 of these were charity patients. The amount of charity done from August 1, 1920, to August 1, 1921, was \$5,283.90. We have 18 girls in the nurses' training school. Four have graduated in the last year.

We would urge all W. M. U.'s and other Church organizations to do personal service in directing the attention of worthy young women to this noble Christian Service. We especially suggest that young women entering the nurses' training school should at least be a high school graduate.

The Hospital opened for service in 1910 with about eight or ten beds in the old wooden building on North State Street. In 1914 the demand was so great that a new brick structure was erected on the same site with 35 beds. The demand continued to increase until it became urgent that we enlarge again. We have just finished an addition of 12 rooms, which gives us a capacity now of 50 beds. We have, unfinished, the third floor, which when completed will give us 65 beds. Of course, we have not the money to do this work right now, but through the 75 Million Fund we hope to be able to finish third floor by January, 1922, but it will take the contributions from all those who have pledged to this 75 Million Fund.

Our Hospital has never had an X-ray outfit and consequently has suffered greatly. It has been embarrassing to the management to have patients carried from our Hospital to other hospitals to get X-ray service, and we are sure that we have lost patients on this account. We hope to have completed within the next 90 days the X-ray department in our Hospital and we must depend to a great extent on the generosity of our friends for the purchase of this machine.

REPORT ON BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS, TENN.

Under the Superintendency of Dr. W. R. Bethea, since November 1st, 1920, this has been a prosperous year. The new wing has been brought almost to completion, so that the new operating rooms, X-ray department, and laboratories, occupying the eighth floor have been in use since January; the semi-private rooms on the 4th and 7th floors are in use, giving patients who desire reduced rates, a rate of \$2.00 per day and up. The new dining room and kitchen, on the first floor are complete and in use, to the delight of all. The new Nurses' Home lacks some \$25,000.00 to be brought to completion. Work was stopped

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last fall on account of poor collections on subscriptions on the 75 Million Fund. In the meantime the nurses are comfortably housed on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Hospital building.

The patronage of the Hospital keeps up to the full. Since the opening, July, 1912, 45,100 patients have been admitted; during 1920 the number was 7,619, and in the six months ending June 30th, 1921, 3,836. Of these last 2,604 were from Tennessee, 692 from Mississippi, 418 from Arkansas and 122 from other States; 474 were treated free in the charity wards, 288 from Tennessee, 75 from Mississippi, 77 from Arkansas and 34 from elsewhere. During 1920 over \$51,000.00 was expended in charity. The business in operating the Hospital amounted to \$372,000.00. The complimentary service rendered preachers and their dependents during the last ten months has been almost \$400.00 per month.

The Baptists of the three States owning and operating the Hospital may well rejoice in the work they are doing for the relief and healing of the sick and the promotion of the Master's Kingdom. It should be a joy to help meet the subscriptions made to the Hospital; these were Tennessee Baptists, \$500,000.00, Memphis and vicinity \$712,000.00 and the Baptist State Conventions of Mississippi and Arkansas each one third of the funds allotted to hospitals on the 75 Million Campaign. The prompt payment of subscriptions will help carry forward this noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. KEY,
J. D. POOLE,
J. V. MCCOY.

The Association adjourned with prayer led by Bro. J. W. Knight until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association was called to order at 10:30 A. M. The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. H. L. Simmons.

There was a motion made to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and that the Association proceed with the regular order of business.

The Report on Publications was called for, and was read by Bro. H. L. Simmons. The report was discussed by Bros. Simmons, Furr, and J. W. Knight. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

People whose citizenship is in heaven will be loyal to the truth and work of the Kingdom of Heaven. To be loyal to it they must know about it. The only way for us to know about and be able to keep in touch with the great hosts of God as they go forth to fight against Satan and sin, and make the Kingdoms of this world the Kingdom of our Lord, is through the study of the Bible and our denominational literature. So, to be an intelligent, well informed Baptist, one must read our denominational papers and other religious literature, such as is published by Sunday School boards, etc.

The Baptists of Mississippi are fortunate in owning the Baptist Record. We also have a splendid Bookstore at Jackson, where any book you may desire may be had. We also have a circulating Library with a good assortment of books for our Baptist People. Anyone, who desires may get these books to read. In addition to these, the Home and Foreign Field, the Royal Service and Orphans' Gem should be read, that we may keep in touch with the work in full.

At present, there are some 13,000 subscribers to the Baptist Record. This paper should be in every home.

We recommend:

1. That every Church of this Association make an effort to put Baptist Record in every Baptist home, either by putting it into the local budget, or by making every member canvass annually to secure subscription for Record and Home and Foreign Field, etc.
2. That the Churches of this Association use our own denominational literature in our Sunday Schools.

J. M. McWILLIAMS.

H. T. McLaurin.

H. R. ROBINSON.

The report on Temperance was read by A. C. Furr, and discussed by Brothers Furr, H. T. McLaurin and H. A. Gay. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The 22nd day of December, 1914, will go down in history as one of the most memorable days in the annals of our Federal Congress. On that day the National House of Representatives voted on the Hobson Amendment, which provided for the proposal to the States for their action an amendment to the Federal Constitution prohibiting: "The sale, manufacture for sale, importation for sale and exportation for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States and their territories subject to their jurisdiction." While this proposal failed of passage, yet there was a majority of eight in the House in its favor and this was the first expression of the real sentiment of the National Congress for Constitutional prohibition. Prior ratification

of constitutional prohibition this nation was plunged into one of the most fearful international conflicts the world has ever seen and following in the footsteps of all the European nations our great President, under the authority granted him by Congress, proclaimed nation-wide, war-time prohibition.

Sentiment was soon to change and a realization of the necessity for conservation of man power forced itself on Congress, ending in the submission to the several states of nation-wide, constitutional prohibition and quickly after the submission of this amendment, state after state, through its duly chosen representatives, ratified the eighteenth amendment until the necessary number had placed their seal of approval on this great forward movement.

The advocates of strong drink and those interested in its manufacture at once began a crusade for the nullification of this amendment; first there was instituted a movement for the referendum on the ratification by several of the states. This was for a basis to test the constitutionality in the highest Courts of the land. The distilleries and breweries contributed vast sums of money for the expense of employing counsel to bring the various suits. The Supreme Court of the United States finally passed on the one test case known as the "Ohio Case," which disposed both of the validity of the amendment in its submission as well as its ratification. The same splendid opinion dealt a death-blow to the "wet advocates" relative to the referendum clause in the Constitution of Ohio.

Prohibition is no longer an issue. It ceased to be an issue when the 36th state ratified the 18th amendment. And now no political party nor the leader of any political party would dare to take a stand for the repeal or modification of that amendment which has received the endorsement of forty-five out of the forty-eight States. The American voter is not so fickle and the adoption of National Prohibition was not an act of impulse.

While temperance refers primarily to strong drink, we think in terms of the strong drink, yet let's do not forget to advocate and urge moderation in all things. One of the very worst evils and one that is receiving more nearly a uniform condemnation is the use of the cigarette. This baleful influence tells on the man and weakens his moral and mental powers. The next great crusade will be the education of sentiment to influence the abolition of the cigarette.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. FURR.

MRS. J. N. MOORE.

Report of Ministerial Relief was read by Brother J. N. Moore and adopted without discussion.

Your committee on Ministerial Relief, begs to submit the following:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We believe that the minister, who has come to his day of retirement, or who, for any reason, has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer, and financial support. The same thing is true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and his cause, in the midst of the greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation, for the work of Christ in this State, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years. Other Christian organizations are far ahead of us in this department of work and in the discharge of this Christian obligation. Even railroads and some other business and worldly institutions care for their old and faithful employees. We should not only strive to emulate other Christian and worldly institutions, but we should furnish these old heroes of our faith the support they so richly deserve.

The Convention Board, located in Dallas, known as The Relief and Annuity Board, has taken over the work of the states. The aim of this Board, is to give aid and comfort to the disabled ministers, as well as to those who have grown old in the service, and have come to their day of need and retirement, and for their widows and orphan children such aid as their exigencies demand, and as their financial condition will allow.

The Board has now a beneficiary list of between seven and eight hundred. Others are being added from month to month. The stipends of the beneficiaries who have been transferred to us from the states have, in the most part, been increased from 40% to 60% and in some instances as much as 100%. While we have made great strides since the organization of the new Convention Board in giving aid and comfort to the disabled and retired ministers, we are just beginning to do what we should do. Our aim should be to persuade our people to say to the ministers in active service today: "Give yourself wholeheartedly to work, spend yourself freely; be not afraid; we do not pay you just the salaries that we should but this we do, at least, solemnly promise, we will stand back of you; if you fall in the work, we will care for you; if you die we will not permit your family to suffer; if you grow old in it, we will comfort your declining years." Just that and nothing short of it should be the attitude of our great denomination to its ministry, and every one of our young preachers should feel that the denomination has so spoken to him, and that he can accept its word at par. If we could say that so as to carry conviction to the men of the hard fields, and the small salary, we should put new life in them, we should greatly increase their efficiency, and the denomination would be really the beneficiary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. MOORE.

The report on State of Religion in the Home was read by Brother J. L. Williams, and was discussed by Brothers Williams and H. A. Gay. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION IN OUR HOMES

All society is composed of individuals. All organized society is based upon our home life. As is the religion in our homes so is it in the church, state and nation.

The head of every house should be a priest in his own home.

The wise man said (Prov. 22:6), "Train up a child in a way he should go, and when he is old, he would not depart from it."

From Mount Sinai the proclamation went forth. Deut. 11:18-21. "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart, and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes, and ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest down, and when thou risest up, and thou shall write them upon the doorposts of thine house, and upon thy gates, that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children in the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth."

Paul writing to Timothy: II Tim. 1:5, said: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois; and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

As in Moses' day, and Solomon's and Paul's, so in 1921. The ideal home life is permeated and mellowed by the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. The ideal is realized in but few of our homes. Many far from it. This condition is a grave one and calls for our prayerful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WILLIAMS.

H. A. GAY.

The Association adjourned for dinner. Brother H. T. McLaurin lead the closing prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reconvened at 1:30 p. m. The devotional exercises was conducted by Brother H. A. Puckett.

A motion was made to limit each speaker to five minutes, except the first one following the reading of each report.

The report on Christian Education was read by Hon. L. P. Spinks. The same was discussed by L. P. Spinks, H. L. Simmons and R. E. Moore. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Baptists have always been pioneers in the field of education. The first public school in America was founded in Rhode Island, in 1675, by Dr. John Clarke, a Baptist preacher. This was the beginning of our splendid system of public schools in which we take so much pride.

Even before this time, our Baptist forefathers had established an institution of higher learning designedly for the purpose of producing a trained leadership for the churches of their faith and also for the state.

Baptists have to educate. There is no alternative. Our doctrine, our church government, and our program make it imperative.

Mississippi Baptists have four colleges under their management and control, three senior colleges and one junior college. The three senior colleges are, Mississippi College, Clinton, for boys only; Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, for girls only; Blue Mountain College for girls at Blue Mountain; and our junior college, Clarke Memorial at Newton, for boys and girls.

EDUCATION COMMISSION.

The Mississippi Baptist Education Commission was created by the State Convention at their annual meeting in Jackson, in 1914. It is destined to play a large part in the educational affairs of the denomination. The commission has recently employed a full time secretary, and through this secretary, it hopes to render great service to the cause of Christian Education. No true Baptist should be satisfied until every school in our possession is as good as the best in the land and every Baptist boy and girl are receiving their training in these Baptist supported and controlled institutions. To attain this worthy end will require much prayer and great sacrifice. We need buildings; we need to improve the looks of the buildings we have; we need equipment; but our most crying need is endowment. Our colleges must be endowed to keep pace with the educational procession. Baptists can do all of this, if they will; they can do it, and they will.

The Commission has received from the 75 Million Campaign from the beginning up to July 15, 1921, \$229,024.29. The distribution made to the colleges is as follows:

Mississippi College	\$70,198.80
Woman's College	68,089.02
Blue Mountain College	34,825.39
Clarke Memorial College	21,935.20

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. SPINKS.

H. L. SIMMONS.

REPORTS ON MISSIONS.

The reports on Missions and the 75 Million Campaign were read as follows: H. A. Puckett, State Missions; H. L. Simmons, Home Missions; H. T. McLaurin, Foreign Missions and 75 Million Campaign. These reports were discussed by Brethren R. E. Moore, H. L. Simmons, A. C. Furr, H. T. McLaurin and J. L. Williams. Reports adopted.

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REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

According to the report of the Conservation Commission, but few states have made so large a proportionate advance in State Mission work, since the inauguration of the 75 Million Campaign, as has Mississippi.

The work for the State this year was laid out on a basis of \$129,000, but this amount has been exceeded. The divisions of the work are as follows:

1. Church Extension. \$39,667 is being used to assist 154 churches in pastoral support; and \$19,857 has been appropriated for church building purposes. 31 houses of worship are being aided from this fund. Some of these were destroyed by cyclones, and still others by fire. It has been gratifying to note how some of these churches that are being assisted have raised money for the purpose of rebuilding.

2. Enlistment and Associational Mission Work.—This year, we have a general Enlistment man in each of the six districts. Twenty-one missionaries were elected during the year, but some of these have taken up pastoral work, and one went as a missionary to South America, leaving 13 in the field at present. For this work \$50,000 was appropriated.

3. Bible Schools. Instead of the six district schools previously held, this year we had 26 three-day Community Bible Institutes. This plan proved to be very satisfactory. So many more people were reached. Pastors and other workers gave their time to this work, the Board paid only the traveling expenses. In addition to this, the Board paid the railroad fare and expenses of 23 fourth-time preachers for 24 days in the Baptist Bible Institute. Also there was a school of Evangelism for four days at Clinton; 175 preachers enrolled in this school. We believe that the great success in evangelistic work this summer is partly due to these four days of inspiration. The teaching idea is taking hold of our people. The Word of God is the Text Book.

4. Evangelistic Campaign. The results of the Evangelistic Campaign this year have been exceedingly gratifying. Our people have gone out after lost souls as never before, and God has certainly blessed our efforts. To date there have been 11,122 additions reported, 8,501 for baptism. This breaks all previous records, and there are 700 churches yet to report.

5. Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Work. An appropriation of \$13,600 was set aside for regular Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work for this year. The Sunday School Board furnished \$3,600 of this amount. \$750 was appropriated for employing two assistants for Brother Wilds to do special B. Y. P. U. work during the summer. The Sunday School Board pays half of the salaries of the workers assisting Brother Byrd in the County Sunday School Normals. From Jan. 1 to July 1 of this year 2,327 awards were given in all the books. During July 274 diplomas, 30 red seals, 8 blue seals and 7 post-graduate seals were awarded. Mississippi led all the states in the South during July.

6. W. M. U. Work. There are 706 missionary societies, 433 auxiliaries. 955 W. M. S. mission study certificates, and 444 auxiliary mission study certificates have been given out; \$57,948.57 has been contributed through the W. M. U. (exclusive of the 75 Million Campaign gifts).

7. 75 Million Campaign. \$485,388.41 was received from the campaign from Aug. 1, 1920, to Aug. 1, 1921, and distributed as per the plan of previous year. This was secured at an expense of 5% this even including the office and office force expense, editor's salary, etc.

8. Publications. The circulation of the Baptist Record at present is about 13,000. Many churches have put it into the homes of all the members. The Baptist Book Store and Circulating Library are striving to give to our people the choicest reading matter.

9. Recommendations. 1. That during October and November, all our churches put on a most vigorous campaign for the collection of outstanding pledges.

2. That every church put forth its best effort to enlist every Baptist family in subscribing for and reading the Baptist Record.

3. That all of our churches do their best to become self-supporting, in order that weaker churches may be helped.

4. That our Association accept its quota of tithers consisting of one sixth of its membership, and that every church do its best to enlist its number during the tithing campaign in November.

5. That the Executive Committee of our Association do not approve any application to the State Board for help until an every member canvass of the membership of its church shall have been made.

6. That every church of this Association make an effort to enlist every member in contributing to the causes fostered by our denomination, and to go forward in a great way to win this world to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. PUCKETT.

H. T. McLAURIN.

W. W. MOORE.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is the only great inter-State Missionary organization of Southern Baptists. Its work is largely co-operative in connection with various State Mission agencies. It thus forms a bond of union and has probably been the greatest force among Southern Baptists for the unification of our denomination.

Through this agency Southern Baptists in the largest way make it possible for the strong to help the weak. The principal work of the Board is, therefore, in the weaker states of the Mississippi Valley and the Western States of our territory. Yet the changes in our industrial and business life, and in the cities and country-side of the older states are so great that increasing attention must be given to needs in the older sections.

The Board has just closed the most remarkable year of its history, both in the amount of funds received and in the results accomplished, as was shown in the Board's report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Chattanooga in May.

We recommend that earnest prayer be offered constantly for our great Home Mission work and that the churches immediately come to the help of the Board with contributions in order that the glorious work may be carried forward and the Board may soon be relieved from its burdensome debt.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. GRIFFIN, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our foreign mission fields today lie in China, Japan, Africa, South America, Italy and Mexico; and new fields in Europe are being opened up as rapidly as possible.

The uplifting effects of the 75 Million Campaign have been keenly felt in our work in foreign lands. Our great advance here at home has inspired the native churches to efforts like unto our own. Every field is pressing its great campaign with fine success. The per capita gifts of our foreign field last year amounted to a little more than five dollars per member; whereas they amounted in this association to ——— per member.

The number of baptisms on the foreign fields this past year was 6,998. We now have 611 churches of which 187, or nearly one-third are self-supporting. 347 of these own their own houses of worship. 405 foreign missionaries are now under appointment. 73 were sent out during the past year and 52 have just sailed this past August.

Nine hundred and seventy-eight native workers are employed. These workers are never received by our Board until they are thoroughly tested.

We have 21 foreign mission physicians and 8 foreign mission nurses. These last year treated 154,070 cases. This is a remarkable record in view of the fact that several of these doctors are new on the field and several of the older physicians were on furlough during most of the year.

Our 632 schools are crowded with 22,866 students. Of these 284 are theological students. This represents an increase over last year of 68 schools and 4,352 students. These schools throb with life and possibilities. The graduating class in one young woman's school in China consisted of twelve members, and seven of them were called by the Lord into mission service. Have we a school in America with so great a per centage of missionaries in one class?

The receipts of the Foreign Mission Board for the year ending May 4, 1921, were \$2,432,423.84.

At the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board held June 8-9, 1921, our last 52 missionaries were appointed for work abroad. This was a happy

and inspiring occasion. But underneath the joy ran an under-current of sorrow, due to the fact that the number set apart was very far below the number urgently needed this year. Two years of the 75 Million Campaign have past. The Board has been able to send out only about half the number it had estimated it should send out during that time. This fact should cause great searching of heart on the part of our people. Where are the reapers? We must give ourselves earnestly to prayer for the desperately needed workers. Of course we must meet fully our pledges in money. We must do at least that much. But over and above our money we must give our sons and our daughters to bear the message of love and salvation to the lost of the earth. Give both the money and the messengers. "How shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach unless they be sent."

Recommendations: Your committee recommends first that this Association pledge itself with such fervor to our 75 Million Campaign that we shall meet our obligations to our Lord's Cause in the foreign field.

2. This Association shall pledge itself to earnestly pray that God may call from within our bounds some workers for His Vineyard this coming year.

3. That we further pledge ourselves to make an earnest STUDY of the work on our foreign fields until a thorough knowledge of needs will bring a full realization into our hearts and lives of the meaning of the Great Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

HON. W. F. BROWN.

REV. D. B. SALTER.

S. McWILLIAMS.

REPORT ON 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN.

We your committee on the 75 million Campaign beg to make the following report:

The 75 Million Campaign was launched by the action of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Atlanta, Ga., in May, 1919, and Southern Baptists were asked to raise 75 Million dollars with which to carry on all the Missionary and Benevolent lines of work fostered by Southern Baptists.

During the 1st week in December, 1919, or "Victory Week," Southern Baptists greatly oversubscribed the amount asked of them, and we raised by pledges the sum of \$92,630,923. Since the campaign began to May, 1921, the total cash collections amount to the sum of \$25,357,499.46.

Foreign Missions have received from May 1st, 1919, to May 1st, 1921, direct from the campaign \$4,819,249. The increased receipts from the campaign, have made it possible to strengthen the work on all the older fields, such as building and equipping churches, schools, seminaries and hospitals and to open work on new fields. They have also enabled us to send out 160 new American missionaries and employ quite a number of capable native workers.

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The result of our efforts was 6,998 baptisms reported on the Foreign Fields last year.

The Home Mission Board's receipts for the first two years of the campaign, have been \$3,201,486.85. As a result of the campaign, the Home Board received the 1st year of the campaign nearly three times as much as the yearly average for the 5 years preceding the launching of the campaign.

This increase in funds has made it possible to increase our Home Missionaries to 1,656. And through both gifts and loans have built new churches and improved old ones, and have established a number of mountain schools, which have proved a great asset to the denomination.

The result is that there were 45,092 additions to our local Baptist Churches last year by baptism alone.

Within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, there are 120 educational institutions under Baptist ownership and control. Up to May 1st, 1921 these institutions received approximately \$5,913,267. The majority of our educational institutions have been materially aided by the larger proceeds of the campaign. For many years, some of them have been struggling under a heavy burden of debt and would hardly have been able to survive but for the rescuing hand of the campaign, which has lifted their indebtedness and enabled us to make some necessary improvements and add to their endowment funds.

As a result, the enrollment in the Baptist educational institutions of the South was nearly 40,000 last year, a gain of nearly 50% over the attendance prior to the inception of the campaign.

Approximately, \$1,558,000 has come to our various hospitals as a result of the first two years' collection from the campaign. This has enabled us to complete and project improvements, to cancel debts, and add materially to their endowment funds.

The benevolent work of caring for the orphan children has always made a responsive appeal to the hearts and pocketbooks of Southern Baptists, but the institutions charged with the care of these little ones have never had the resources that would enable them to perform the largest possible service to these fatherless and motherless boys and girls, and they stood sorely in need of the larger support, which the campaign has made possible for them.

During the first two years of the campaign, the 19 orphanages affiliated with the regular State Conventions of the South have received approximately \$1,335,657 from the regular campaign sources. The greater part of these funds have gone to regular maintenance, though some permanent improvements have been done, debts have been canceled and a small sum has been added to their endowment.

Since May 1, 1919, the Relief and Annuity Board has received from the campaign the sum of \$619,472.20, which is divided equally between the Relief and Annuity departments. Approximately 800 beneficiaries are being aided by the Board at this time. These old soldiers of the cross need and are entitled to our help.

It is impossible to give a full account of the good done by the 75 Million Campaign. The number of workers and the amount of money collected does not begin to tell its real story.

The Campaign has created a new sense of our obligation to win to Christ, the unsaved around us, and our people have gone out after the lost in a manner they had not done before. Resulting last year in the addition of more than 173,000 new members to our local churches by baptism alone.

The Spirit of co-operation in our churches and people has been greatly increased. It has awakened and deepened the spiritual life of our people.

Southern Baptists have made great progress and have accomplished great things in the last two years. Surely the Lord has led us and the blessings given are nothing short of a modern miracle. We have every reason to thank God and go forward.

Just now we are at a very critical time in the progress of the great movement and nothing but heroic work, conquering faith, persistent prayer and organized effort will bring about final victory of the campaign. To make victory real, we must pay our pledges and make good on our campaign covenant in cash. We must go forward, and make victory real and prove that our denominational pledge is as good as the gold of the kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SANDERS, Chairman.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Brother J. L. Williams, and was discussed by J. L. Williams and A. C. Furr. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report on Woman's Work:

The W. M. U. is composed of the following organizations: Woman's Missionary Society, Young Women's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors for boys and Sunbeams for little folks.

The Union sets for itself five definite aims: Stewardship, Service, Study, Supplication and Soul Winning.

Our women are learning that Stewardship involves far more than the meeting of our Campaign pledges, church expenses or giving of any material substance like money. Yet these matters are being stressed as of very special importance; so much that while our first year was regarded as "Victory" year in the Campaign and our second year as "Loyalty" year, this is looked upon as the "Sacrificial" year by the W. M. U. Our women are stressing the fact that aside from the giving of money we must needs give time, strength, heart and interest to needy lives and worthy causes.

Service of intensely personal nature expends itself by the W. M. U. in the sending of boxes to Hospitals, Orphanages, Aged Ministers, and Ministerial Students; in the education of four young women in our Baptist Colleges thus preparing them for lives of service; in the sending of eleven young women to our Training School to prepare them for efficient work on the home or foreign field; and service among our young people is especially shown in the giving of books for foreign missionaries' libraries.

Study courses are being carried on as never before by the entire W. M. U. This is specially noted among our Young People's Organizations.

Supplication and Soul-Winning are twin aims, deeply set in the hearts and lives of our women who are longing to see the coming of the Kingdom; to see the Kingdom made ready for the return of the King.

This report sets forth the following recommendations: 1st. That each pastor in our Association be requested to organize in his churches each branch of the W. M. U. wherever practicable, for the sole purpose of teaching missions.

2nd. That this Association plan for a Missionary Institute embracing three days in which will be taught missions to our women and young people.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY MOORE.

The Association adjourned to meet Sunday morning at 10 a. m.

SUNDAY MORNING

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The devotional exercises was conducted by Brother I. H. Lanier.

The minutes of the Association were read by the Clerk, and were approved as read.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The next order of business was the reading of the Sunday School report. Brother I. H. Lanier read same. The following discussed the report: I. H. Lanier, J. L. Williams, H. L. Simmons and A. C. Furr. The report was adopted.

The Great Commission says make disciples, baptise them and then teach these baptized disciples to observe "all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

We would do well to begin our teaching with the baptized believers, or church members, as the above scripture commands.

We would not in any way minimize the evangelistic opportunity in our Sunday Schools, but we would emphasize the great need of enlisting and teaching the membership of all of our churches.

Perhaps the one outstanding need in our schools today is to reach the senior and adult departments. New emphasis is being given to these departments by having an "Organized Class Department," with a general secretary, who furnishes all the needed literature and such other information as will contribute to the enlargement of these departments.

The Sunday School Board has a department of "Sunday School Administration" which is doing a great service in more efficient organization of all of our schools.

In addition to our regular literature we call especial attention to the "Sunday School Builder" and the "Organized Class Magazine".

The following paragraphs deserve our most thoughtful consideration:

1. Our "church building movement" as fostered by Dr. Burroughs, of the Sunday School Board. Many of our church houses remodeling and many other congregations are planning to build new houses. We can never have great Sunday Schools nor efficient schools any way measuring up to their opportunities until we have houses adapted to modern Sunday School work.

2. We cannot too strongly emphasize the need of better trained teachers. The very purpose of a school is to teach and we can never have the highest type of teaching without equipped and trained teachers. During the first six months of this year Mississippi has given out more than 2,500 awards to people who have completed some book in the training course.

We do most earnestly request and urge our pastors, superintendents, and teachers to take interest in, plan for and attend county Sunday School Normals, Conventions, especially our State S. S. & B. Y. P. U. Convention, and one of our summer assemblies. These are for the express purpose of helping to train workers for our churches.

As a means of extending our Sunday School work, your committee would recommend (1) the organization of County or Associational Sunday School Conventions; and (2) the extension of Sunday School work from our colleges and full-time churches.

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. LANIER.

J. W. KNIGHT.

Prof. H. L. Simmons read the report on Laymen's Work. This report was discussed by H. L. Simmons, Dr. R. B. Gunter and J. L. Williams, and then adopted.

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S WORK.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement appeals to laymen from the Layman's standpoint to give themselves faithfully and loyally to the advancement of the cause of Christ. It urges business men to pray daily, study diligently, plan wisely, serve zealously, and give generously in all the work of the Kingdom. It pleads for more religion in business

and more business in religion. It stresses the doctrine of Christian Stewardship, advocating that God holds a supreme claim on our time, our talent, and our substance. Its missionary ideal is expressed in these words: "It is the whole duty of the whole church to preach the whole gospel to the whole world."

Tithing Campaign. The biggest thing before our laymen at this time is the campaign now on throughout the South for one-half million tithers. The plan provides for a State Steering Committee of seven members, composed of the Chairman of the Layman's Committee, of the State, Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention Board, Corresponding Secretary of the W. M. U., State Secretary of the B. Y. P. U., the State Secretary of the S. S. Work, a representative pastor, and an enlistment missionary.

Each county will be organized along the same lines and the county organization will undertake to organize every church for securing a definite number of tithers. The plan provided for a round-up week including two Sundays from November 27 to December 4. Every church will be expected to secure a number of tithers equal to one-sixth of its membership or 16 2-3 per cent of the church enrollment. Better developed churches will be expected to secure a considerably larger number. The quota for Mississippi is 30,000.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. SIMMONS, Chairman.

The report on B. Y. P. U. work was read by Miss Viola Mosley. This report was discussed by Miss Isabelle Emmons, C. M. Griffin, R. B. Gunter, and H. L. Simmons, and adopted.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The object of the B. Y. P. U. is the training of the young members of the Church. Teaching them the Bible. God's plan for us is that we shall grow. Growth means increase. God means that we shall be bigger Christians each day. So the Christian who grows will not only be bigger but will be stronger, will have more faith, greater love, more zeal, more knowledge of His word. And more than that, he can do more in the work of the Lord. He will have more courage, be mightier in prayer, more ready in every good work. Let us notice some means of growth with the young Christian:

I—The Word of God: The Scripture shows us that the word is not intended simply for the old and matured Christians, but for each and every young Christian. In our B. Y. P. U. organization we have a daily Bible readers' course. A plan by which one may daily and systematically feed upon the Bread of Life.

II—Religious Conversation: We can derive great good ourselves and be a blessing and a help to others by forming the habit of religious conversation. God intended that our association with each other should

be the means of growth and strength. The Psalmist tells us to talk of all His wondrous works. At our B. Y. P. U. socials, much of the conversation should be about the Master and His Kingdom's work.

III—Religious Literature: Young people should form the habit of reading something that will furnish spiritual food.

IV.—Prayer: Another source of strength to which we should continually resort is prayer. Every Christian should know how to pray. They should learn to appreciate the privilege of prayer. The B. Y. P. U. is one place to start.

V.—The Preaching of the Gospel: Our Lord established the Ministry of His word as one of the means of building up the spiritual life of His people. The true minister will strive to find the needs of his people, and help them in securing the best that can be had. So a B. Y. P. U. is a good thing to have in every church.

VI.—Spiritual Exercise: Many Christians attend church, read the Bible and feed upon the proper food in many ways, but seem to be unwilling to do any real active service of the church. If we can get such started in the work of the B. Y. P. U. there will be a great, strong, useful member in the church.

VII.—Soul Winning: Not only does the Soul Winner have the joy of leading souls to Christ, but they grow in the Christian life while doing that work. The B. Y. P. U. teaches systematic giving, etc.

Our standard of growth is the means of the fullness of Christ. His command is "Be ye perfect even as my Father in Heaven is perfect".

Respectfully submitted,

MISS VIOLA MOSLEY.

The congregation joined in the singing of two songs, and Bro. J. L. Williams led in prayer, after which Dr. R. B. Gunter, our Secretary of Missions in State, gave an address, on "Why Should There Be a Baptist Church?" Scripture reading lesson, II Tim. 4, 1-8. Text, Jude 3.

The Association adjourned for dinner.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association reassembled at 2:30 P. M. The congregation joined in singing several songs led by A. C. Furr. Bro. Gunter conducted the devotional exercises.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

Money sent in by the churches for Association Purposes	\$63.07
Public offering	15.70

Total collected	\$78.77
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The Treasurer reports \$18.25 on hand.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions would submit the following:

1. That we call on all churches and all members of every church in the Association to redeem their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign.
2. That we endorse the Campaign to secure one-sixth of the membership of churches in the State as tithers and that we urge on the churches of this Association to push forward this great program.
3. That we endorse the State Convention Board in its purpose to place strong Christian workers at our State Colleges to look after the religious life of our Baptist boys and girls there.
4. That this Association place in the minutes the time and place of meeting of the County Sunday School Normal and that the churches urge their teachers and officers to attend same.
5. That the Executive Committee of the Association be instructed to prepare program and make the necessary arrangements for the organization of a County Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention.
6. That this Association go on record as favoring the full enforcement of the prohibition laws and that we urge investigation of conditions in every part of the county, promising the court the full support of the churches in this Association.
7. That this Association extend a cordial and open invitation to all Baptist churches in Kemper County to join this body.
8. That the Association allow the Clerk \$20.00 for his services in preparing the minutes and transacting the necessary business of the body.
9. That this Association express its appreciation to Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Prof. D. M. Nelson, and Dr. R. B. Gunter for their presence and inspiring addresses.
10. That we thank the pastor, Rev. J. L. Williams, the members of Antioch Church, and the people of Antioch community for their open hospitality, their cordial reception, and their untiring interest in our welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. SIMMONS,
MISS VIOLA MOSLEY,
MISS SUSIE HOPPER.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee beg to report the following:

That since the meeting of our Association, God has seen fit to remove from the walks of life five of our members. We feel that all things work together for good to them that love God. We extend to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MOORE,
J. N. MOORE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We beg leave to submit the following:

1. That the Association meet with the Friendship Church, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1922.
2. That Rev. R. E. Moore preach the Association sermon.
3. That the following constitute our Executive Committee: H. L. Simmons, I. A. Sanders, Charley Beasley, with the regular officers.
4. That the following be our General Representatives: Foreign Missions, L. P. Spinks; Home Missions, J. M. McWilliams; State Missions, I. H. Lanier.
5. That the Executive Committee together with the General Representatives constitute the Committee on Co-operation for the Association.
6. That H. L. Simmons be recommended to the State Convention to succeed himself as a member of the State Board from our Association.
7. That C. M. Griffen be Chairman of the Laymen Committee, and Mrs. I. H. Lanier of Women's Missionary Union.
8. That Yisobell Emmons, Miss Bertha Mosley and I. H. Lanier be Program Committee to organize the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. the fifth Sunday in January, 1922, and Blackwater Church be the place to have the first meeting.
9. That the County Sunday School Normal be held with the Blackwater Church in the summer of 1922. (Time will be published later.)

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. FURR,
J. C. GILBERT.

The Association adjourned by singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and Bro. J. L. Williams leading closing prayer.

H. C. JOYNER, Moderator.
A. C. FURR, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

I. This body shall be known as The Kemper County Baptist Association.

II. This Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches in Kemper County and such other outlying churches which may feel that they can best promote the interests of the Master's Kingdom by membership with us.

III. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to two delegates and one additional for each fifty members above the first fifty, all ordained ministers holding membership in or being a pastor of churches in this Association shall be seated as delegates.

IV. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer who shall be elected at the beginning of each annual session of the body, and shall discharge the duties incumbent upon such officers.

V. The purpose of this Association shall be to enlist, combine and direct the energies of the sisterhood of churches in Missions—Home, Foreign, and State—Christian Education, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Hospitals, Orphanages, Aged Ministers Relief, and such other interests as will promote the Master's interests among men.

VI. The Association shall meet annually at a time and place designated by the Association in session, or by the Moderator in council with the Executive Committee.

VII. The Association shall elect annually five brethren, who together with the Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, shall constitute an Executive Committee, whose duties shall be to look after the interests of the Association during the interim of the annual meetings of the body.

VIII. The delegates shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying to their appointment as delegates and containing such other information as may be deemed important to the Association and its work.

IX. This Association admits the right of any church to withdraw at any time from this body, without giving any reason for so doing, and it reserves the right to withdraw from and disown any or all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming either heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

X. This Association may have a fund, to be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches or individuals; which fund shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and to be paid out by him on

order of the Moderator on instructions from the Association in session or through its Executive Committee during the interim in annual sessions.

XI. This body shall be purely advisory in its purpose and work, and shall never in any way usurp the authority of the churches, or infringe upon the independence and individual rights of the churches.

XII. This Association shall appoint at each annual session two preachers to prepare and preach at the next meeting of the Association, one to preach the Associational or introductory sermon, the other to preach on some distinctive doctrine of the Baptist denomination.

XIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended as experience may dictate, at any annual meeting; provided the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been presented to the Association at an annual meeting at least one year previous to the act making the change, and shall be concurred in by two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. We believe in one God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient; co-equal and eternal.

II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were written by inspiration of God and that they are our only all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the doctrine of original sin; of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself in the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God chose His people in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith, unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last day.

V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

VI. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the Truth, and He has commanded it to be preached to every creature; therefore, all are required to obey.

VII. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

VIII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment; and that the joy of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

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IX. We believe that a visible church of Christ Jesus is composed of only baptised believers, covenanted together to keep house for the Lord and carry on His work according to the principles of the New Testament.

X. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His Church and that His government is with the Church, each member having equal rights therein.

XI. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church and are to be continued till the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

XII. We believe that the immersion of a believer in water, alone is baptism, and can be administered only by those duly and regularly set apart by the Church, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects for the ordinance.

XIII. We believe that only regular baptized believers, who are in full fellowship with the doctrines of the Church, are eligible partakers of the Lord's Supper.

XIV. We believe that Salvation is by Grace through Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

RULES OF DECORUM.

I. All meetings of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The officers of this Association shall hold their positions till their successors are duly elected.

III. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings, or call some one to the chair while he speaks to a subject or absents himself from the chair for cause; he shall appoint all committees, with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof when necessary and decide between contending claims. He may vote only in case of tie. He shall be deemed a judge of order and his judgment shall be final, unless there be some one to appeal from his decision to the Association by two-third vote, before the close of that particular session of the meeting. He shall also be chairman of the Executive Committee and preside over its meetings.

IV. The Clerk-Treasurer shall enroll the names of the delegates (immediately after the opening of the Association by prayer, led by the Moderator, or some one whom he may appoint), and on each succeeding day of the session shall call the roll of delegates, noting the absentees. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of each session of the body and discharge such other duties as the body may direct. He shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee.

V. Members wishing to speak shall address the Moderator. Only one member shall be permitted to speak at a time, and the one first rising shall be entitled to the floor, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or indulge in invective.

VI. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission of the Association.

VII. No member shall leave the meeting of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

VIII. Every motion duly seconded, after due discussion, shall be put to vote unless it be withdrawn by the mover, before another motion is in order.

IX. Members shall use the term Brother in speaking to or of each other in the meetings.

X. These rules shall be read at each annual session of the Association.

XI. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual session by majority vote of those members present.

XII. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Practice shall be adopted as standard in the government of this body.

XII. In all motions coming up for consideration, a majority vote shall rule, except in case of an appeal from the chair or an amendment to the Constitution, which requires a two-thirds vote.

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DIRECTOR AND STATISTICS OF CHURCHES COMPOSING THE KEMPER COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
YEAR ENDING OCT. 1, 1921

CHURCHES—	Time of Meetings	Value of Property	PASTOR AND ADDRESS	CLERKS AND ADDRESS
Antioch	1st	\$1,000	J. L. Williams, Daleville	J. N. Moore, Scooba.
Bay Springs	4th	450	J. T. Cooper, Hurricane Creek	J. H. Cherry, Portersville.
Blackwater	1st	3,000	H. C. Joyner, DeKalb	H. W. Davis, Daleville.
Center Ridge	3d	450	H. C. Joyner, DeKalb	S. W. Key, DeKalb.
DeKalb	4th	2,500	H. C. Joyner, DeKalb	S. R. Rogers, DeKalb.
Friendship	2d	800	H. C. Joyner, DeKalb	I. A. Sanders, Portersville.
New Zion	4th	—	J. E. Moore, Chambersville	O. S. Vandevender, Gholson.
Philadelphia	2d	500	J. L. Williams, Daleville	Miss Dollie Hopper, Portersville.
Scooba	2d-5th	2,000	A. C. Furr, Scooba	G. C. Boyd, Scooba.
Stonewall	2d	—	J. R. Moore, Gholson	Miss Lizzie Hallford, Scooba.
Electric Mills	1st	—	No Letter sent in.	

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CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES OF THE KEMPER COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1st, 1921

NAME OF CHURCHES	75 Million Budget	Other Benevolences	Pastor Salary	Home Objects	Minutes Funds	TOTAL	Gains			Loss		
							By Baptism	By Letters	By Statement	By Letter	Deaths	Total Membership
Antioch	\$ 23.50		\$139.90	\$ 48.70	\$ 9.00	\$ 218.20	5	2	3	5	2	111
Bay Springs					6.00					8		83
Blackwater	171.00		150.00	79.00	9.12	403.25	9	7		8	1	207
Center Ridge				49.65	5.65	55.30	5		5	9		49
DeKalb	120.50		47.15	182.96	7.25	357.86	1	4		3		78
Electric Mills			No Letter.									
Friendship	108.25		80.40	128.91	7.00	324.56	3					49
New Zion	4.50		10.00	3.00	4.50	22.00		5			5	29
Philadelphia		\$1.50	75.00	20.00	3.50	100.00		1			2	22
Scooba	239.50	7.31	404.40	1,230.39	10.00	1,891.60	15	14	9	2	1	74
Stonewall	1.55			10.00	1.05	12.60	7	5	1		1	35
Total	\$678.17	\$8.81	\$906.85	\$1,752.61	\$63.07	\$3,789.87	45	38	18	42	5	737

